

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Trekkie (4th race)**

### **First Race: 1. Untutable Affair 2. Mystery Prospect 3. Notice Me Now**

Taking a shot with UNTUTTABLE AFFAIR, who looks poised for a quality race at a price. He ran fourth vs. \$25,000 stock recently, and is eligible to move forward in his second start off a layoff. Barn has been quiet this meet but is dangerous with longshots. MYSTERY PROSPECT is the most probable winner, but will be short odds. He is two-for-two since being claimed by trainer Peter Walder, but if he regresses off his last-race Beyer (85), he is not a slam dunk. NOTICE ME NOW closed for second against a softer group of starter runners and looks likely to close for another minor award.

### **Second Race: 1. Pit Alley 2. El Windo 3. Risque**

PIT ALLEY, never off the board in five starts, has performed well in three starts over this turf course this meet despite having troubled trips. He has the benefit of experience vs. winners - something EL WINDO and RISQUE do not. EL WINDO led from start to finish against maiden \$80,000 stock on turf. He faces more speed in this race, however, but should still perform well. RISQUE won going away in a maiden \$30,000 claimer in his debut and was claimed out of the race by winning owners.

### **Third Race: 1. Diamond Danzig 2. R B Happy Feet 3. Bedda Victoria**

DIAMOND DANZIG rallied to be fourth in her debut despite racing greenly. Likely to benefit from the experience and improve. R B HAPPY FEET is returned to dirt, a surface on which she was fourth two starts ago. Most recently she was a respectable sixth against maiden \$30,000 stock on grass. BEDDA VICTORIA drops to her lowest tag, maiden \$15,000 company, after a pair of disappointing efforts this meet vs. better. Factor with a return to her Calder form.

### **Fourth Race: 1. Trekkie 2. Taking Over 3. Smooth Valentine**

TREKKIE ran decently to be fourth against first-level allowance competition in the slop and is now returned to \$6,250 claiming company. He has a win and a second in two starts at this level this meet. TAKING OVER is a speedy, consistent colt who has hit the board in four straight races. Logical factor once again. SMOOTH VALENTINE similarly enters this race with good low-end claiming form, having been third in his last two starts. His versatile running style adds to his appeal.

### **Fifth Race: 1. Golden Isle 2. Desert Flight 3. Unholy Night**

GOLDEN ISLE rallied to be second for this maiden \$15,000 after breaking slowly from the fence. An also eligible, she rates top billing if she draws into the race. DESERT FLIGHT chased the pace against tougher in her latest, and should improve in her second start off a layoff, particularly with a class drop. UNHOLY NIGHT faded badly in her only start, which came on turf, but must be respected with the move into the high-percentage Marty Wolfson stable.

### **Sixth Race: 1. Lucky Liza 2. Monavista 3. In Debt Joanne**

LUCKY LIZA clearly did not run to her potential Mar. 1 when chasing the pace and fading to last in a \$30,000 claimer. Dropped to \$10,000, she should come alive. She is blessed with speed and is battled tested against better. MONAVISTA has run respectable in three starts for her current barn and is dropped to her lowest level. Chance to threaten at a price. IN DEBT JOANNE looms the likely favorite after a pair of runner-up finishes for this price. She fits nicely on paper, but it is best to shoot for a little value in a low-end claiming races like this.

### **Seventh Race: 1. Dynaslew 2. Ailbe 3. Kiss the Ring**

DYNASLEW finished second, beaten a nose, in a head-bobbing finish in her lone start last summer at Saratoga. Edging her that day was Dream Empress, who would go on to win the G1 Alcibiades and run second in the G1 BC Juvenile Fillies. DYNASLEW should be ready off the bench for a good comebacking trainer in Bill Mott. AILBE set the pace in a similar race in February before being caught on the wire, finishing second, beaten a nose. That race followed a couple useful efforts at Woodbine. KISS THE RING ran a close third two back before finishing sixth in her most latest. She worked a bullet at Palm Meadows on the turf Mar. 25.

### **Eighth Race: 1. Camara Oculta 2. B R's Girl 3. Jasmine Gardens**

CAMARA OCULTA finished a respectable third in allowance company recently despite a troubled start. In terms of Beyers, she is the most consistent filly in the race and she seems to like long one-turn races. Uncoupled stablemate B R'S GIRL also stands a strong chance, returning to her best surface on the Gulfstream main track. She posted a 98 Beyer in winning two back before regressing on turf with a fifth-place finish and 80 Beyer. JASMINE GARDENS hasn't started since December, but is stakes placed and acts like a filly with quality. Factor if ready.

### **Ninth Race: 1. Shoteka 2. Slewsmartstrike 3. Foolish Honor**

SHOTEKA, stuck on the also-eligible list, is the choice if he draws into this maiden \$30,000 turf race from the also-eligible list. He has run competitively against tougher opposition, most recently finishing fifth against maiden \$50,000 opposition. SLEWSMARTSTRIKE appears best of those in the body of the field, having been fifth against maiden \$80,000 company despite a troubled trip in just his second start. FOOLISH HONOR, another also-eligible, ran eighth in his lone race this meet for a maiden \$50,000 tag but was good enough to run third a couple times in straight maiden races at Calder.